

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates down in 108 counties from June 2011 to June 2012

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EDITOR'S NOTE: June's preliminary and May's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/June12charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 26, 2012) — Unemployment rates fell in 108 Kentucky counties between June 2011 and June 2012, while 12 county rates increased, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.8 percent. It was followed by Fayette County, 6.5 percent; Union County, 6.6 percent; Oldham and Shelby counties, 6.7 percent each; Hancock County, 6.8 percent; and Daviess, Franklin, Owen and Scott counties, 7 percent each.

Fulton County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 17 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 16.9 percent; Jackson County, 14.8 percent; Leslie County, 14.4 percent; Bell County, 13.7 percent; Wolfe County, 13.5 percent; Harlan County, 13.3 percent; Clay County, 13 percent; and Breathitt, Lee and McCreary counties, 12.9 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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